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Further to the Amendment of August 21, 2000, Claims 1 and 3 have been amended to more clearly recite the claimed invention. No new matter has been added herewith.

Conclusion

In light of the Applicant's amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Respectfully submitted,

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